All India Coordinated Vegetable Improvement Workshop

1957. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a four-day I.C.A.R. sponsored All India Coordinated Vegetable Improvement Workshop was held at Solan recently;

(b) if so, the main points discussed there at; and

(c) the directions issued for taking necessary action on the points discussed at the workshop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The workshop reviewed the progress of research on different aspects of Vegetable Crops and their seed production. The workshop finalised the programme of research for the next year. A Sub-Committee was constituted to identify varieties resistant to major diseases. The Workshop recommended fourteen improved cultivars of nine vegetables. Some recommendations on agro-techniques, disease and pest control were also made.

(c) The Sub-Committee to identify disease resistant varieties met at New Delhi on 25th June, 1990 and identified/recommended eight varieties resistant to bacterial wilt of brinjal, Yellowvein mossic virus of okra, powdery mildew of peas and bacterial wilt of tomato.

Filling up of vacancies in ICAR

1958. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various high level posts in ICAR have not been filled up and are lying vacant since long; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not filling up of these posts and what steps are being taken by Government to fill up these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Sir, only a few high level posts are lying vacant due to retirement/completion of tenure of previous incumbents and these have been advertised for recruitment.

Additional fertilizers to Andhra Pradesh

1959. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government has asked the Central Government for an additional two lakh tons of fertilizers to ensure adequate food production during the recent Kharif season considering the widespread agricultural damage due to the recent cyclone; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh had asked for the following additional quantities of fertilizers.

Urea . . .	1,00,000 M/T
Ammonium Sulphate	20,000 MT
NPK Complexes	
28:28:0 . .	20,000 MT
20:20:0 . .	20,000 MT
17:17:17 . .	20,000 MT
10:26:26 . .	20,000 MT

No additional allocation of urea was given to the State as at that time unsold stocks of urea of over 3.00 lakh tonnes were available in the State. Due to production constraints in complex grade fertilisers, the State Government was advised to make use of DAP and an additional allocation of 15,000 MT of DAP was given.